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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: VOICE CONTROLLED COMPUTER INTERFACE

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 37 USC 120) of U.S. Serial No. 08/674,341, filed July 2, 1996, which was a continuation of Serial No. 08/450,776, filed May 25, 1995; which was a divisional of Serial No. 08/200,886, filed February 23, 1994; which was a continuation of Serial No. 08/165,014, filed December 9, 1993, issued as Patent No. 5,377,303; which was a continuation of Serial No. 07/973,435, filed November 9, 1992; which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/370,779, filed June 23, 1989. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

The prior application is assigned of record to Lernout & Hauspie Speech Products N. V., a Belgian corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recording.

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